



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 05-1035

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Cloer, ;
also SENATOR(S) Williams, .

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 6, 2005, AS
"COLORADO SPACE INDUSTRY DAY".

WHEREAS, Colorado's space and aerospace industries have a tradition of partnership with military, government, economic development, educational, and private sector organizations. This partnership is most recently exemplified by the formation of the Colorado Space Coalition in 2004; and

WHEREAS, The military and space industry in Colorado has a long history of alliance with private industry, providing our state with countless economic, social, and technological advantages; and

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force Space Command, the United States Army Space Command, United States Northcom, NORAD, the Space Warfare Center, Buckley Air Force Base, Fort Carson, and many other space and aerospace-related centers of activity are located within Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The roles of our military space forces have increased following the tragic September 11, 2001, attack on the United States as those forces assist in Homeland Security efforts through the provision of global communications, missile warning, timing, navigation, and weather information to our forces fighting in foreign lands; and

WHEREAS, Much of this space and aerospace technology has been developed and perfected in the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The state of Colorado has the fourth largest space economy in the nation with over 142,500 space-related jobs, \$9.7 billion in annual

payroll, and billions of dollars in annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, Companies such as Ball Aerospace and Technologies, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, Digital Globe, Space Imaging, and many others contribute to the high-tech nature of the military space program, drive the defense industries of the state to be national leaders, and foster growth in Colorado's economy; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's academic community plays an integral role in the advancement of the space and aerospace industries through its ongoing research and the development of a highly skilled workforce. The University of Colorado at Boulder is the top public university recipient of NASA funding, and is an active supporter of the Colorado Space Coalition, along with the Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, and the University of Denver; and

WHEREAS, The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) and Air Force Space Command have entered into an agreement that establishes UCCS as the lead university for a consortium of advanced education institutions to support Air Force Space Command education and research efforts. This consortium, called the Space Education Consortium, will focus on promoting education, research, and cooperation supporting the development of a space cadre concerned with the advancement of space systems design, development, operation, and application to achieve national security objectives; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Institute of Technology has launched an Aerospace Initiative supported by earmarked funds from sponsors which focuses on current and future workforce needs specific to the space and aerospace industries; and

WHEREAS, Effective space programs protect our state, our nation, and our deployed forces, as well as those of our friends and allies; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

(1) That we hereby express our sincere and deepest appreciation to General Lance Lord, Commander, United States Air Force Space Command Headquarters at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

(2) That we recognize and appreciate Colorado's space and aerospace companies, including Ball Aerospace and Technologies, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, Digital Globe, Space Imaging, and many other mid-tier and small companies.

(3) That we recognize and appreciate the contributions of Colorado's universities and colleges to the space and aerospace industries.

(4) That we express our sincere and deepest appreciation to the men and women supporting the military, civil, and commercial space and aerospace industry in Colorado.

(5) That we hereby declare April 6, 2005, to be "Colorado Space Industry Day".

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent to General Lance Lord, Commander, United States Air Force Space Command; Tom Marsh, Executive Vice President of Lockheed Martin Space Systems; Dave Taylor, President of Ball Aerospace and Technologies; Ray Kolibaba, Vice President of Space Systems for Raytheon; Tim McMahon, Vice President of Strategic Systems for Northrop Grumman; Ralph W. Christie, Jr., President and CEO, Merrick & Company; Joshua Hartman, Staff Member for the United States House of Representatives Armed Services Committee; Lance Landry, Staff Member for United States Senator Wayne Allard; and Holli Baumunk, Director of Economic Development for the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation.

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